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THe many sad and lamentable Fires that have lately broke forth or happened about this Honourable City of London, and in several other parts and places of this Kingdom, have for some time by-past been the Common Theme of most Peoples Discourse: but as 'tis usual for every one to abound in his own sense, and natural for those under affliction to ascribe the cause of their sufferings to others, so on this occasion many groundless Reports and surmises have been spread abroad. We confess that by all we can discover, (and we have been not a little curious and inquisitive in the matter) we cannot positively find any solid bottom for such Conjectures: and therefore must look upon these disasters as chastisements from Providence for our sins, proceeding from what we call unfortu-
nate accidents, and occasioned by neglect, carelessness,

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Sec. As the proximate and immediate cause of this we will not deny, but rather affirm that there might be and were several others more remote contributing unto or at least signifying and fore-shewing the same or the like Calamities, and that not only in this Nation, but in several other parts of the *European* world.

It must be remembered, that the Inhabitants of this Earthly Globe have for several years past, and do at this present labour under the effects or Male-significations of the Comet or Comets (whether singular or three distinctions we shall not here dispute) appearing in the years 1664. and 1665. Sure we are, the last visible in *March* 1665. had a Tail eminently large and conspicuous, and towards the end of it's appearance looked very red, fiery, and inflam'd, &c. Which (besides it's martial significations whereof all *Egypt* has been sadly sensible) did likewise very aptly denote many strange and unusual calamities by fire, (whereof the dreadful conflagration of *London* soon after following was a sad and amazing Instance.) Nor can it be reasonably imagined the effects of so wonderful a *Phaenomenon* should terminate in one single disaster though never so eminent.

In this very year 1676. we have had diverse violent and threatening positions and aspects of the superior bodies, enough to bring into us more of it's dismal significations, as the Conjunction of *Jupiter* and *Mars*, *Feb.* 15. The Square of *Saturn* and *Mars*, *Feb.* 29. of *Jupiter* and the *Sun*, *March* 28. The Conjunction of *Sol* and *Saturn*, *April* 25. and that remarkable

And B. do. He declares particularly *Germany, France, and the Kingdoms of Spain and England* to be passive in these calamities.

We now dare challenge the greatest calumniators of astrology to declare, what most could be expected from an *Assault* Pet to this purpose, (not pretending to any natural illumination) that they repaired and so often falsified predictions, and how far they are (already) verified, is too sadly apparent by the ensuing Catalogue of Distinct fires which (such beyond what is usual) have since the writing thereof happened, emitting a great number of smaller fires whereby only a few of a hundred have been consumed, and indicating what has been since general and remarkable.

Within a fortnight after the writing of the said Astrological judgements, *the 1st of May*, 1620, the 22^d happened the lamentable fire at *Northampton* whereby the greatest and richest part of that ancient and most noble Corporation was destroyed.

On *Saturday the 9th of April* 1620, about 10 of the clock in the morning at a noted Village called *Cotteslow*, within four miles of *Leicester*, in the Road to *Ely* broke forth a dreadful fire, beginning in a Stack of *corn*, lodged where the Wind had carried some *Embers* to a certain woman carelessly flung into a backside, and from thence the flames were carried by the violence of the wind all along the street, so that in the space of five hours there were above one hundred Dwelling houses consumed, besides *Barns, Stables, out-houses, Stacks of Corn, Hay, Faggots,*

&c. to the value of many thousand pounds.

On Friday the 26 of May, 1676, was the terrible Fire in Southwark; It was first discovered in a Colours-mans Shop, between the George and Talbot Inns, near St. Margarets-Hill: It soon leiz'd the other side of the way, and continued raging from about three a Clock in the morning, all the day, till the evening following, and in that space burnt down these Five Famous Inns, the Queens-head, the Talbot, the George, the White-Hart, the Kings-head, and the Green Dragon in Fowl-lane: As likewise the Counter, the Mealmaker, &c.

In a word, all along on the East-side of the way, from the Queens-Arms-Tavern, Scizant about a Dozen Doors below the Spurr-Inn towards the South, unto St. Thomas Hospital towards the North was consumed, but the Hospital safe; onely some small damage sustained in the Porch, Windows, &c. And on the West-side of the way, from St. Margarets-hill; to St. Saviours (Commonly called St. Mary Overies) Church: which Church was with extraordinary pains, and great difficulty preserved; There is modestly computed at the least six hundred dwelling houses destroyed.

The same day happened a Fire at Abington in Berkshire, which burning very fiercely, destroyed several Houses, and had it not pleased God that the wind suddenly changed, 'tis believed the whole Town had been consumed, but by that singular providence, and the great industry used, it was preserved, and the Fire in short time Extinguished.

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About the same time the Town of *Blandford* in *Dorsetshire* was a considerable part burnt down to the ground, there being (as we stand informed) about thirty dwelling houses there consumed.

The beginning of this instant month of *June*, a Fire began in a Barn in a Village called *Withen*, two or three miles from *Oxford*: which destroyed about a dozen houses, and had wasted many more, if great numbers of people had not speedily come in to their assistance from *Oxford*: 'Tis said that a day, or two before, the Officers of this Village had set a certain Vagabond woman in the Stocks, for begging, or some other misdemeanour, and that she should threaten that within four and twenty hours she would be even with them, and make them repent it, &c. and thereupon 'tis supposed that she, or some of her Confederates might mischievously set this Barn on Fire, it being scarce to be imagined how it should come on fire any other way.

On Wednesday the 21 of this instant *June*, there was a very considerable fire in *San-Corn* in *Nightingale-lane*: it began in a Box-makers-house, and though immediately on the discovery of it there was about a dozen ready to help quench it, yet it could not be Mastered till it had destroyed above Twenty Tenements.

The same week also there has been several great Tempests of Thunder, with fierce and unusual Lightning, whereby three very large Stacks of old Hay were consumed near *Blandford*, considerable hurt done near *Putey*, and great damage sustained at several other places.

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But to shew that our Native Country of England is
not the only Nation under these Calamities by fire,
(but that rather in a general Manner sent by Providence,
and some particular Constitutions of the Heavens
about this time stirring up, or continuing such de-
structive Effects more than at other Seasons.)

Be pleased to take Notice that there was in the City
of London a dreadful Fire in a *Warren*, which lasted with
much fury for the space of Nine days, and in that space
burnt down to the ground above fifteen thousand
dwelling Houses, besides Shops, Warehouses, out-
houses, and other Edifices. In the Year 1693 of
which it was thought to have been matter of surprise,
yet about 12 o'clock that Night the Wind blew
ing very strong at North-west, a smoke forth when,
the Job fulfilled is as well incredible as terrible
and a day as to the beginning of it - that the number
to be done by Fire - blind men were made & he himself
several great fires in Germany in 1694 and in particu-
larly the Cities of *Strasbourg* (specially mentioned by
Mr. Bay) and *New Amsterdam* - belonging to his
Majesty's Colonies were burnt down
and consumed, and other great fires have since a-
bout the same time happened in *Amsterdam*, *Prague*,
and other parts of *Europe*.

We must conclude this Paper with the Words of
the *Psalmist* *For the Lord hath consumed the Heathen,*
and he hath destroyed the Tower of the Strong,
and he hath brought down the Fortification,
and he hath increased the Peace and Commerce therefore;

Amen.

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